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TDmonthly's Top-10 Artsy Toys

These Kits Put Hands and Minds to Work

By [Julie L. Jones](#)
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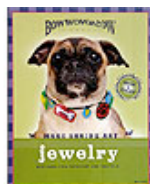
Whether they require donning a smock and utilizing the right side of the brain or just setting on a shelf to admire, these products are sure to bring out the artsy side in people. These 10 picks rank as favorites among the arts and crafts and designer toys **TDmonthly** spotted on the trade show floor.

DEBO Super Heroes – Maru-bo by KAMIBASHI

This tiny vinyl character is the "hero of gettin' around" and has travel-related powers, such as ensuring that you always get a good parking spot. It was designed in Thailand by the DEBO (Do Everything By Ourselves) group of four artists – Byb, Beer, Noi and Ning – and then sewn together. The Maru-bo shape can be repeated in other dolls, but this particular design is only available in a limited edition of 50. 2/18/2008 [\[Add to my Inquiry Basket\]](#)[?]



Make Shrink Art Jewelry and Tags for Your Pet and You Too by BOWWOWMEOW



Create shrink art jewelry that any pooch would be proud to wear, and while you're at it why not make a coordinating piece for yourself. Includes enough material to make more than 20 charms and tags. Also includes alphabet beads to further personalize, cord, ribbon, and "s" hooks to hang ID or charms from a collar, and even a hole

punch. 9/27/2007 (Price: \$16.95; Age: 8 and Up) [\[Add to my Inquiry Basket\]](#)[?]

Shrinky Dinks Tiki Island Party Pack by JOOBLI STUDIO

Suitable for up to eight people, this party pack includes a themed color poster that doubles as a photo frame, eight sheets of Frosted Ruff N' Ready shrinkable plastic, at least 32 line-art images for tracing, eight invitations and envelopes, and eight



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